

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant: Andrew C. Gilbert, et al.
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Examiner: Hai Tran

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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Applicant hereby replies to the Office Action of April 25, 2008. Kindly amend the application as follows.

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant petitions for a three-month extension of time to reply to the Office Action of April 25, 2008. Because October 25, 2008 falls on a Saturday, this extension extends to Monday October 27, 2008. Kindly charge the petition fee of \$1,110.00 to Deposit Account No. 50-3938, Order No. 01-1040.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS begin on page 2 of this paper.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS begin on page 7 of this paper.